

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 66

BY JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 54, TITLE 18, IDAHO
2 CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-5415, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
3 THAT REPORTING CHILD ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, OR NEGLECT FALSELY OR IN BAD
4 FAITH IS A MISDEMEANOR AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND DECLARING AN EMER-
5 GENCY.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Chapter 54, Title 18, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
9 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
10 ignated as Section 18-5415, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 18-5415. FALSE REPORT OF CHILD ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, OR NEGLECT. Any
12 person who makes a false report of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect know-
13 ing such report to be false, or who makes such report in bad faith, shall be
14 guilty of a misdemeanor. A person convicted pursuant to this section shall
15 be subject to a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), confinement in
16 the county jail for up to three (3) months, or both such fine and confinement.

17 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
19 passage and approval.